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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Watkins GROUP: 1762  
SERIAL NO: 09/464,997 EXAMINER: K. Bareford  
FILED: December 16, 1999  
FOR: METHOD FOR APPLYING SYNTACTIC  
FOAM THERMAL INSULATION  
TO A LENGTH OF PIPE [as amended]

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

This amendment is in response to the Official Action dated September 11, 2002. A petition for an extension of time is enclosed herewith extending the response period to February 11, 2003.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 1 and 5 as follows:

- 1 1.(Twice Amended) A method of applying syntactic foam insulation to a length of steel pipe,  
2 said method comprising the steps of:  
3 co-extruding an inner syntactic foam insulator and an outer thermoplastic protective  
4 cover around the length of steel pipe; and  
5 solidifying said thermoplastic protective cover to retain said syntactic foam insulator in  
6 a desired shape about the length of steel pipe.